



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced cooler temperatures along with dry sunny conditions for most of the week. Normal late September early October weather patterns allowed farmers 6.6 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations. The sun-filled days aided harvest of several crops throughout the state. Frost was again reported throughout the state last week. Subsoil moisture decreased slightly as a result of the dry days.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	22	68	2
Last Week	7	22	68	3
Last Year	19	50	30	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	38	40	1
Last Week	20	41	38	1
Last Year	21	45	33	1

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat harvest has reached completion by week's end. Winter wheat producers continue to plant with 84 percent now seeded with 46 percent emerged by week's end. Reporters are indicating the winter wheat seeding is progressing nicely in areas that have good moisture levels.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	3	39	14	43

**Row Crops:** The corn crop has reached 71 percent at or beyond the mature stage, with 7 percent harvested. Roughly 99 percent of corn for silage has been harvested. The corn crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 86 percent at or beyond the turning color stage, 48 percent at or beyond the mature stage, with 3 percent harvested by week's end. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Summer

potatoes were 87 percent harvested by week's end. Producers continued to harvest fall potatoes last week with 50 percent harvested by week's end. The dry onion crop reached 90 percent harvested by week's end. The sugarbeet harvest has begun with 2 percent of the crop now harvested. Sugarbeets are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 89 percent cut with 70 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflowers are rated in mostly good to fair condition with 12 percent of the crop now harvested.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	11	20	45	19
Sorghum	3	12	28	55	2

**Hay:** Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 92 percent of the third cutting and 30 percent of the fourth cutting harvested. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions declined slightly thanks to the early season snow and frost. Reports indicate that grasses are beginning to mature and turn color. Weed growth has slowed thanks to the cooler temperatures.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. Many producers are still trying to secure hay for the upcoming winter.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	10	25	40	23	2
Prev. Year - 2005	8	28	38	23	3
5-Year Avg.	16	24	34	22	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 1, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	84	70	85	84
Emerged	46	23	50	44
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	100	95	100	100
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	71	54	72	71
Harvested	7	4	6	9
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	99	86	83	85
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning color	86	72	84	84
Mature	48	28	39	43
Harvested	3	2	9	10
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	12	5	9	12
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	92	86	91	85
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	30	25	33	31
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	89	79	90	90
Harvested	70	58	53	65
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	50	34	53	56
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	87	77	84	85
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvest	2	0	1	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvest	90	72	83	81

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Sunflower</b>	3	17	26	45	9
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>	12	11	25	42	10
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	5	13	21	47	14
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	5	34	42	19

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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